

13 What's the weather like?

There are many ways to talk about the weather. Use the verb "to be" with weather words and phrases to describe the temperature and conditions.

 **New language** Weather descriptions

 **Aa Vocabulary** Temperature words

 **New skill** Talking about the weather

13.1 KEY LANGUAGE TALKING ABOUT THE WEATHER

To ask about the weather, say: "What's the weather like?" To answer, use the verb "to be" with the correct weather word or phrase.



What's the weather like?

"Like" is a preposition here, not a verb as it is in "I like music."



Okay, but there are a lot of clouds. It's cloudy.



Use "a lot of" with a noun to show the amount of cloud.



13.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES TALKING ABOUT THE WEATHER



Beautiful! It's really hot and sunny.



Horrible! It's raining. It's wet and cold.

Use the present continuous to say what is happening with the weather now.



Really cold. It's snowing a lot and it's very icy.



There's a storm coming. It's very windy.



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13.3 MATCH THE PICTURES TO THE CORRECT SENTENCES



This is a beautiful place, but I really want it to be sunny. It's dark and cloudy all the time.



The weather's good, and it's windy today, so we're going sailing with Sue and Louis.



The weather is beautiful here. It's hot and sunny, and I'm having a great time.



There's a lot of snow, so the children are having a great time. They want to learn how to ski.



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13.4 FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE WORDS IN THE PANEL



The weather's lovely here in San Diego. It's really sunny.



Oh no! I hate this weather. It's raining again.



I can't ride my bike in these conditions. It's too cloudy.



Be careful! There's clouds on the road.



Wow! It's really icy outside today.

raining

ice

~~sunny~~

stormy

foggy



13.5 KEY LANGUAGE THE TEMPERATURE

Temperature can be given in "Fahrenheit (°F)" or "Celsius (°C)." In spoken English, use the verb "to be" with a temperature phrase to talk about how hot or cold it is.

How hot is it?



How cold is it?

In spoken English,
"boiling" means
"very hot."

It's boiling.



**It's 27 degrees
Celsius. I'm hot.**



It's warm.



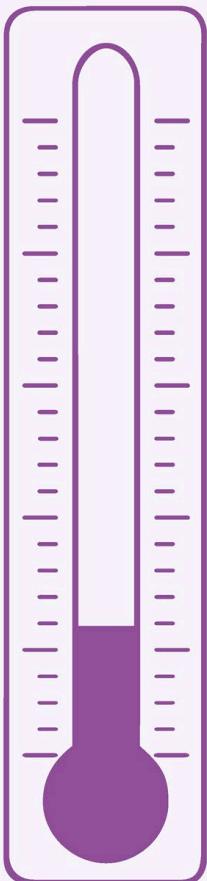
It's cold.



**It's 10 degrees
Fahrenheit.
I'm freezing.**

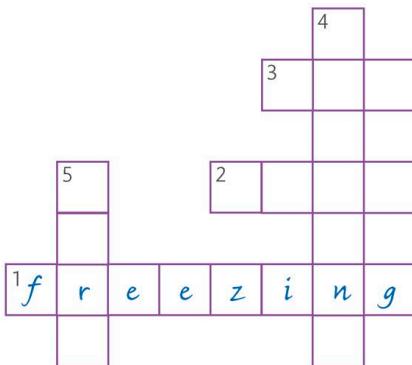


In spoken English,
"freezing" means
"very cold."



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13.6 READ THE CLUES AND WRITE THE ANSWERS IN THE CORRECT PLACES ON THE GRID



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1 It's very cold outside. The temperature is 5°F at the moment, and I'm freezing.

2 I'm really . Can we have the heating on tonight?

3 Sandra says it's in France today. It's more than 85°F.

DOWN

4 The sun is out and it's 115°F in Turkey today. It's .

5 It's outside today. Everyone's wearing T-shirts.

freezing boiling hot cold warm



13.7 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



A radio presenter describes the weather across North America.

Where is it 72 degrees Fahrenheit?

Kansas Boston Denver

1 What is the temperature in Calgary?

52°F 55°F 60°F

2 Where is there a storm at the moment?

San Francisco Seattle Portland

3 Where is there snow today?

Vancouver Edmonton Anchorage

4 Where are there no clouds?

Phoenix Houston Dallas



13.8 WRITE EACH SENTENCE IN ITS OTHER FORM

There's a lot of fog.

It's very foggy.



1 It's very icy.



2 There's a lot of wind.



3 There's a lot of rain.



4 The sun is shining.



5 It's very cloudy.



13 CHECKLIST

Weather descriptions

Temperature words

Talking about the weather

REVIEW THE ENGLISH YOU HAVE LEARNED IN UNITS 11-13

NEW LANGUAGE	SAMPLE SENTENCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UNIT
SAYING YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL	Are you okay? No, I'm not feeling very well .	<input type="checkbox"/>	11.1
HEALTH PROBLEMS	I have a broken foot . My foot hurts . I have a pain in my head. I have a headache .	<input type="checkbox"/>	11.3, 11.4
TALKING ABOUT THE WEATHER	What's the weather like? Okay, but there are a lot of clouds . It's cloudy .	<input type="checkbox"/>	13.1, 13.2
GIVING THE TEMPERATURE	It's 27 degrees Celsius . It's 10 degrees Fahrenheit .	<input type="checkbox"/>	13.5
TEMPERATURE PHRASES	How hot is it? It's boiling . How cold is it? It's freezing .	<input type="checkbox"/>	13.5